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October's Centennial Celebration QSO Party

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It's hard to imagine but the Radio Club of Tacoma was founded 100 years ago last October.

To honor this milestone the RCT had a month long QSO party during the entire month of October to celebrate its 100th birthday. The club's station operated as W7DK/100. Every weekend and some weekdays during the month- the club house was made available to members to get on the air. A total of 420 contacts were made within 48 states and 17 DX countries.

A picture with four of the club's early members was chosen for the celebration QSL card. The clubs current logo was added to the card. Note the early ham call signs at the bottom of the QSL card.

Thank you to all of the operators that came out and got on the air: AD7EU K7BUD K7MLO K7PIA K7VAP KR7W NG7G W2NCC W6RHY W7MWF WB4SPB WE7P WG7X.

Thanks to Mike Dorbaugh W7MKE and Rich Patrick KR7W for help with the QSL card design. Also thanks goes to Randy Myers WB4SPB for his technical help and assistance in coordination. The celebration party was a huge success! 73's, Adam.

Note to readers:

If you made a QSO with W7DK/100 you will receive a handsome QSL card with this image on it.

GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST

BY RICH KR7W - BARK EDITOR

Editorially Speaking… This issue of the Loggers Bark is my 11th out of the 24 month commitment I made to the club management. I like to engineer and build things, so creating this newsletter can be satisfying to me. However…

In last months Bark, in this column, I volunteered to facilitate a Morse Code Study Group. Only one reader responded to my offer.

I then asked Club President Elect Dave to announce the Study group idea at the second Wednesday Club meeting at the Library Center. I received 4 enquiries.

This sorta tells me that not so many members read the Bark.

Aside from that… I'd like to have at least two more folks express an interest in the CW group before it can move forward.

In this issue there's an article regarding Ham Radio Gift Giving focusing on Tools for the Ham. Check it on Page 10.

A while back a generous club member gifted the W7OS Museum a large sum of cash. Some of those tools showcased in the article will be purchased for the Museum's Workbench.

If you read this newsletter, Mr Museum Benefactor- you know who you are– Here's a Gift for you: A **Tip of the Barkie Hat**. Thanks very much.

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UPCOMING NOTABLE CLUB ACTIVITIES

11/23 Weds 7:00 PM Clubhouse Activity Night
Thanksgiving HOL **Cancelled**
12/7, Weds, 7:00 PM Club Officers Board Meeting
12/13 VE Testing at Clubhouse 7 pm
12/14, Club meeting at Library Center
See w7dk.org
12/28, Weds, 7:00 PM Clubhouse Activity Night
See w7dk.org

You can still get yourself a Loggers Certificate See Pres Elect Dave W7UUU CLICK LINK for the how to.

RCT Anniversary Story— My Recollections of the Club House– Summer 1960

By Bob Heselberg K7MXE. Ex KN7MXE , RCT Member 461.

First of all– Inside of the clubhouse back then– the main room went from the south side (Lou Room) windows to the north side where the Silent Key plaques are now. It was all open and I do not remember an upstairs at all. In the small cloak room where the repeaters and electrical panel are currently are was the club station back then.

W7DK's Viking Transmitter (L). No SSB, only AM and CW.

RME4350 Receiver on right.

The club HF station had what looked like a Collins 30K transmitter with a rotary telephone dial on the front. I don't think it was even hooked up. The working station was a scratched up Viking Ranger transmitter with Dymo tape Braille markings on the front of it. The receiver was a RME 4350. C and G Radio Supply donated the RME.

I was 13 years old and a new Novice Class Licensee in July of 1960 when I began going to the RCT Clubhouse. There were a few kids in the club but mostly older hams. There was no garage and I'm not even sure if there was much for parking as I only had a bicycle. Attendees were not mostly geezers like now, but a mix of all ages. I sorta remember that Scotty K7CYZ was the president and Dick Ryan was the secretary. Later Doctor Nace K7AYD was president and his son Roger K7AYC was the secretary. Roger became K8RN and is now a SK.

The club freq was 29.600 AM (Simplex) and bunny hunts (hidden transmitter hunts) were held on this frequency. Many hams had converters made by Gonset that worked through their AM car radios. Later on- the bunny hunts were moved to 51.0 MHz AM. There was a large local group of hams that used Heathkit HW-29 Lunchbox Sixer radios. Dick K7ITX built his own Sixer out of TV set parts and it worked just fine.

Heathkit Sixer– an inexpensive 6 Meter AM QRP Transmitter– Receiver.

The C and G (local radio-electronics outlet) salesman then was W7WBN (**W**inkin **B**linkin and **N**od) who lived in Fircrest and C and G had the new Collins S Line radios in stock. The "Ham Shack" at C and G had new, used, surplus and even home brew radios for sale. I bought a Ameco AC1 Novice Transmitter for $3.95 but soon messed it up. The crystal cost almost as much at

In 1960 it was popular to turn your AM car radio into a HF Receiver with a Gonset Down-Converter.

$2.95. Novice hams had to tune up and down the band to find an answer to their CQ - as a new ham might only have one crystal to transmit on.

One day a car showed up at my house and W7AZI and W7WLX brought me a whole load of junk box stuff to play with and make work again. I had been using a 6AQ5 one tube transmitter made by Jack K7DBU before he went off to the Air Force.

Six meters was quite popular back then as conditions were good and with some effort you could get WAS in a weekend. It was all AM Phone back then and not a lot of SSB but Heathkit came out with a 99 dollar kit called the HW12 and it drove a nail in the AM coffin.

Ameco AC-1 Novice Transmitter. QRP - 5 watts out on a good day.

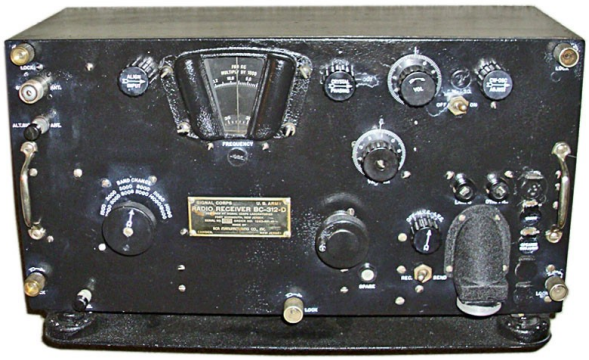
Heathkit HW-12 - $99 - 80 Meter "Single Bander" SSB Transceiver. The HW-22 Single Bander covered 40M SSB. The HW-32 for 20M SSB.

Jerry Seligman W7BUN joined the club when I did and back then his call then was W5YFS. We were one number apart on the club roster membership number list.

In 1961, I was surprised over winning the prize for the clubs Construction Contest. I built a home made field strength meter made from the cover of a surplus ARC5 (WW2 transmitter) VFO cover and painted an ugly pink color with a brush.

Upgrading from a Novice Class license to General Class was not easy for a kid as you had to be out of school on a Friday holiday which was not a government holiday at the FCC in Seattle. On that day- the FCC office was full of kids. The FCC office administrators clearly did not care for kids.

I passed the 13 Word per Minute Morse code test the first time but did not pass the written test. The second try I failed the code test. On the third try I pulled it off and upgraded to General Class.



BC-312 Aircraft Receiver.

By then my ham gear had been upgraded to a pretty good military BC312 aircraft radio receiver bought from K7CTT which in later years was donated to the air and space museum in Seattle. I had a very hashed up 2.1 to 3.0 MHz Military ARC 5 that I modified into a two band transmitter. 160 meters was QRP band back then as LORAN (a low frequency radio navigation system) had priority and communications were bad at best. ARC5 transmitters

seem to love to interfere with TV sets so eliminating Television Interference (TVI) was a new challenge. Later on while in high school I obtained a WW2 TCS radio set and worked it over and got on AM.

In late 1965 Uncle Sam needed me and I spent 4 years in the US Navy. I stayed on the air over the years and preferred working with vacuum tube gear but not so much the transistor rigs and the rest is history.

The distinguished ARC-5 WW2 Military Transmitter. Famous for interfering with your neighbors TV set.

Current day K7MXE.

At the W7DK/100 Birthday Celebration was a slide showing the burning of the clubhouse mortgage. I was there but as a youngster did not know what a mortgage was all about at the time.

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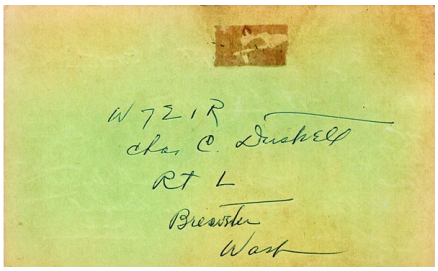
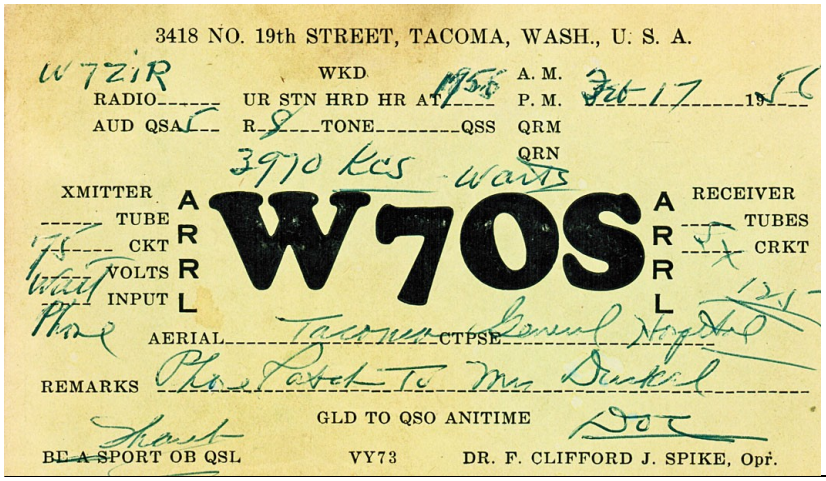
Another Centennial Tid-Bit By Rich KR7W

During the Centennial Birthday Celebration on Oct 16 at the Scottish Rites venue… a ham I had not met before, Mr Chuck Driskell W7ZIR presented to the W7OS Museum- this QSL card he received from Ole W7OS Doc Spike years ago-



Dateline: Feb 17, 1956 on 3.970 MCs- A few years before SSB– so the mode was AM. Doc's 75 watt (input watts back then) transmitter is un-named and the receiver is a Halicrafters SX-125. Antenna mentions Tacoma General Hospital. Was there a station there? Looks like Doc performed a Phone Patch for Mrs Driskell, perhaps in Tacoma to perhaps ham operator Chuck in Brewster, WA.

I like Doc's card– it exudes friendliness. A few weeks ago, Chuck W7ZIR stopped by the W7OS Museum looking for a Heathkit Sixer manual and visited with us. Chuck lives in Tenino and volunteers to restore the B-17 and B-29 historic aircraft radios at the Museum of Flight. He has a history with some of the old timey key players of RCT, like Jerry W7BUN– from many years ago. So, Chuck– if you read this: Please visit us again.



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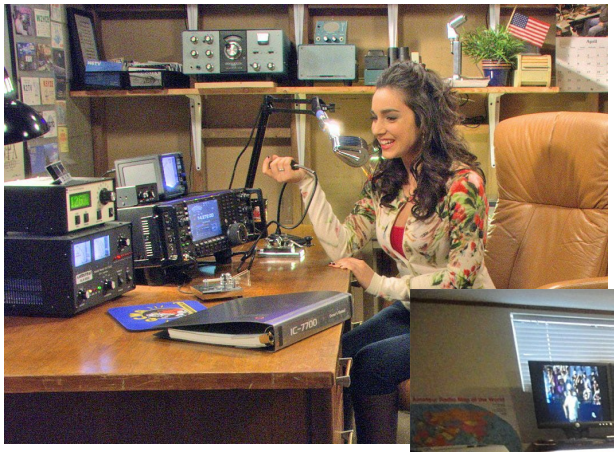
HamShacks of the Month

by Contributing Members



No Member Ham Shack contributions this month, folks…

These images are from the World Wide Web– maybe a reader will gain an idea or two from viewing these photos— for your own ham radio station.

Send the Bark a snap shot of your shack…. For your own 400 kB of fame.

AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE
PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE INFO

Wednesday, Nov 2, RCT Board of Directors meeting– Rich KR7W proposed a plan to improve the user interfaces at the three most used Personal Computer Workstations in the Clubhouse. The proposal consisted of 3 phases– one for each workstation.

Phase 1: At the **Lou Room** HF station desk- Replace old dated VGA PC monitor with a 24 inch LED Monitor and improve the radio accessibility by creating a consol for its components.

Phase 2: At the **Classroom** PC workstation– Replace old dated VGA PC Monitor with 24 inch LED Monitor on a Swing-Out Arm attached to the wall. Also possibly replace the dated PC with a more modern refurbished Windows 7 machine to provide individual video outputs for the desk monitor and the digital slide projector.

Phase 3: At the **Jerry Room HF Station**– Replace both dated VGA Monitors with 24 inch LED Monitors. Currently there's two monitors used by the station that are on different levels which provides a sort of crossed eyed dog's view. To place both monitors next to each other at the same level– a new desk and radio console will be constructed.

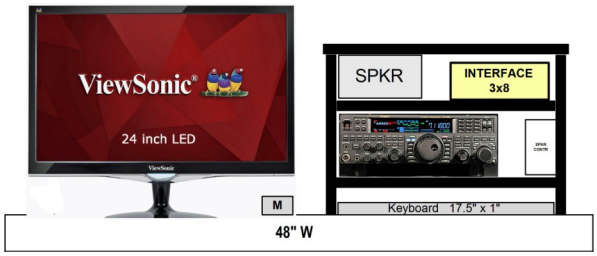
KR7W asked the RCT Board to approve monies for Phases 1 and 2– which they did.

New 24 inch monitor installed at Lou Station Table.

There's rumor that at the December Board meeting that another ambitious club member will present a plan to the club management to approve funds to install new luminaires in the ceiling of the Jerry Room HF Station to replace the defunct 8 ft fluorescent light fixtures that have burned out.

Monday, Nov 21, RCT Clubhouse- The Lou Room station has its new monitor but is current lacking the new radio console. The Classrooms new monitor on the swing out arm is in place and working well. A bonus keyboard and mouse house was built and installed for a tidy look.

There's still more to do at both locations.



To scale CAD design of possible Lou Room HF Station layout. The microphone is not shown but will reside between the Monitor and the radio console box.

AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE

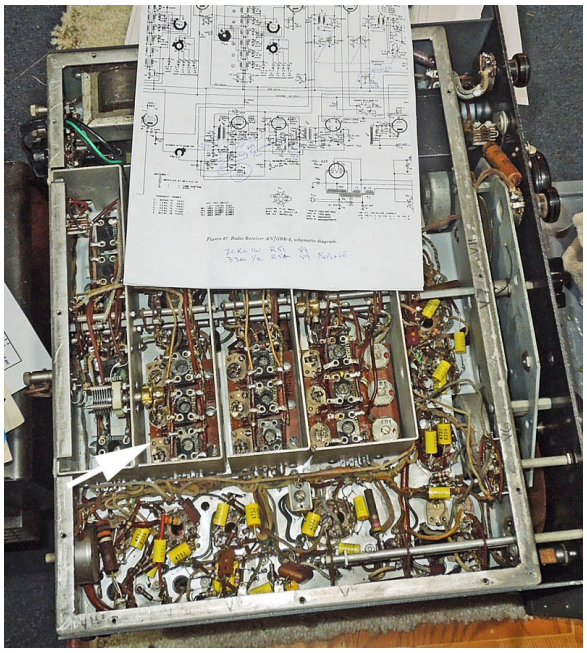
PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE INFO

This Jerry Room lighting project will tie in with Phase 3 of the PC Workstation Improvement project first reported.

To scale CAD drawing of possible Jerry Room HF station desk layout to implement the new PC Monitors in an easy to layout for the radio operator as well as observers in the room. The shelf that the radio sits on will slope downward towards the rear to tilt the radio face upward for best viewing and control– similar to E-911 Center and NASA consoles used to be.

It wasn't included in this months cover story… but let it be documented that Bob K7MXE achieved the coveted 5 Band W7DK/100 award. K7MXE has made QSOs with W7DK/100 Centennial Station on 5 different bands. Many members and on lookers witnessed K7MXE with his little KX-3 radio set up in the classroom make contact with W7DK/100 operator Randy WB4SPB at the Jerry HF station. For Bob's effort– he will receive a W7KD/100 Anniversary Pin.

Mini Museum Report: The next BIG Event at the Clubhouse will be **Straight Key Night** - When the W7OS Museum sets up old time radio sets to operate in the ARRL's SKN 24 hour event. Mark your calendars and take the evening off on **Dec 31– Doors open at 1600 LT**.



The restoration of the **WW2 SX-28** radio in the Museum has been coming along but has reached a pothole in the road to completion. So far about 40 old timey wax capacitors have been replaced- with about ten to go. The remaining caps are located in the "RF Box" which will require some acute focused careful disassembly of and un-wiring. -30-

W7OS's SX-28 on the operating table with its carcase wide open for surgery. The little yellow tubes are capacitors that have been transplanted into the radios workings. The White Arrow points to one of the sections in the RF Box. It's hard to discern– but each of the brown colored assemblies in the RF boxes 4 sections need to be unsoldered and removed to gain access to the remaining wax capacitors.

This Month's Showcased Project-
Dual Lever Brass CW Keyer Paddle - built by: PJ N7PXY

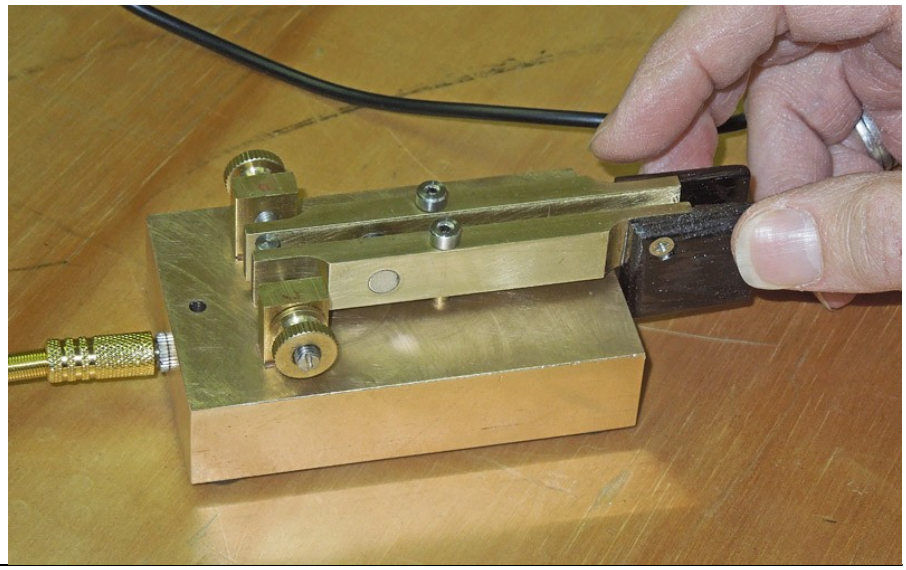
Saturday, Oct 8 2016, RCT Clubhouse… Member PJ N7PXY *brought in his home built brass paddle to get opinions to how it felt and performed from some CW ops in the club. I was very impressed with the paddle key and asked PJ to write something up for this newsletter. [Ed note: PJ was a Chief Engineer on large ocean going cargo/container ships for 30+ years.] What follows is PJ's description of his project.*

The key base is bronze salvaged from the old steering gear bearings of the S.S. Chief Gadao, Matson, during a dry-docking some 30 years ago. The paddle arms and contact blocks are .250" x .500" brass I found on the internet (my usual supplier, Metal Supermarket, was out). The screws are stainless steel from my junk box and the brass knurled nuts are from eBay. The paddles are Wenge from Woodworkers Supply in Sumner, WA

I have a fairly complete machine shop in my garage and have been an amateur machinist since high school. The idea for this key came from several sources. I am a lover of "mechanisms" and especially simple ones that function well and as intended. Rich Patrick KR7W once mentioned he liked the way magnets felt as a return force. I have several keys that use magnets and I agree. Several other Radio Club of Tacoma members and some of the guys in the pQRP group contributed suggestions during our conversations.

As with all projects, gathering up the materials was the most time consuming. I already had the 6" x 6" x 8" bronze blocks that had to be cut down to a 3.5" x 2.5" x .8175" base block. I had first drawn out the key on paper to play around with layout and size relationships. Then the arms were cut to length and the reliefs cut in the ends. Next the contact blocks were cut to length and the paddles cut and shaped. I then had to mill out the channels in the bottom of the base to accommodate the jack and wiring. I used a jack rather than binding posts to keep a clean uncluttered look. The final steps were to drill and tap the mounting holes in the appropriate places. Final assembly and wiring finished it all off. It took about a week to build the key but actual working time was perhaps 3 or 4 hours. I may engrave the base at some point if I can come up with a good name for the key.

Club member and CW op Randy WB4SPB made some great ergonomic suggestions for version 2 which is in the planning stages but may or may not get built.



PJ N7PXY's home built paddle- Your editor likes the feel– which is massively solid.

Next time you see PJ at the RCT Clubhouse- ask him about Ver 2 and how it's coming.

Got a project of your own? Want to make it famous in the Bark?

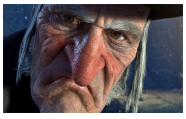
Email Me LINK

HINTS AND KINKS
CONSTRUCTION & INSTRUCTION
BY READER SUBMISSION

Ho Ho Ho, it's that time of year again. Humbug Q-signal: ***QHB***

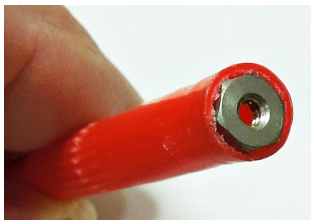
Here's how it works at my QTH. I buy what I'd like to have, wrap it up for Gift Giving Day. When family and friends are gathered around I open my present and say to the crowd or a loved one who deserves credit, "Oh, how thoughtful. You shouldn't have". Everybody wins, aka no disappointments plus no hassle of returning the hamshack bunny slippers or "I'm Not a LID" T-Shirt.

Here's a few ham radio related items that I suggest you get for yourself if you don't have it already– Some useful Hand Tools. I've used many radio electronics tools for all those years I was employed– and I highly suggest to not buy yourself cheap tools. Why? Because from my experience- at least one project you will encounter– cheap tools or the 'almost close' tool will not work and you'll bring harm to yourself or your equipment.



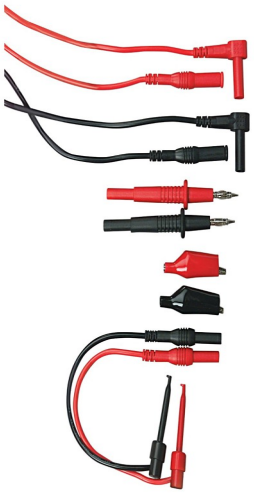
Blame it on Murphy Scrooge? Nope, it's on you.

Hey, It's 10-in-1 Screwdriver/Nut Driver from Klein. Features 5/16" (8 mm) & 1/4" (6 mm) nut drivers, #1 and #2 Phillips, 1/4" (6 mm) & 3/16" (5 mm) slotted, T10 & T15 TORX®, and #1 and #2 square-recess. Klein also makes a 5-in-1 driver that leaves out the 1/4" nut driver, Torx, and square heads. Note: It's about the same price for either.



Sorta Rare- Heathkit Nut-Sert tool. Very handy to start that nut in hard to reach places.

Peruse Ebay for a deal.



The EX330 Volt Ohm Meter aka VOM. There's a lot of models to chose from. This middle of the road priced meter has some important features: Auto Shut Off, Auto Ranging, and Big DIGITS. It does not have True RMS– which is not important to measure Sine Waves like AC power or signal generator audio levels. Get yourself some extra Test Leads while your clicking BUY NOW.
Purchasing LINK HERE

Nice Wire Strippers… Color Coded for ease of use. Soon you will have trained yourself to pick the correct stripper tool for the sized wire you are working with. The cutter jaws are capable of cutting pretty thick copper wires. Cutting nails, screws, or farm wire will ruin them. About $11 each.

Over the glasses SAFETY GLASSES. Especially useful when drilling steel or attempting to cut nails with soft copper wire cutters, when operating your weed-eater or chain saw. Get 2– one for you and for your ham buddy that comes over to visit. 3 to 9 bucks.

Stuff Your Sock with Scotch 3M '33' Electrical Tape.

A super easy to do business with staple at the Power Company. UV and Water Proof for taping of outside coax connectors. Organize your cables– this tape leaves no duct tape like sticky mess. $5 to 6 each but well worth it.

Flush-cut micro soft-wire cutter has 8mm long jaw with angled head for flush-cutting applications on up to 16 gauge (1.3mm) copper and soft wire. These are very handy for flush trimming wires on a circuit board or cleanly cutting off cable ties.

WARNING: The hard steel jaw will shatter if the user attempts to cut hard materials like nails or farm wire.

Note 1: I've broken the jaw by dropping the tool on a hard concrete floor. Note 2: It's best to use eye protection with these.
Note 3: They are only $5– gift yourself 3 or 4 as they are very handy. CLICK LINK HERE

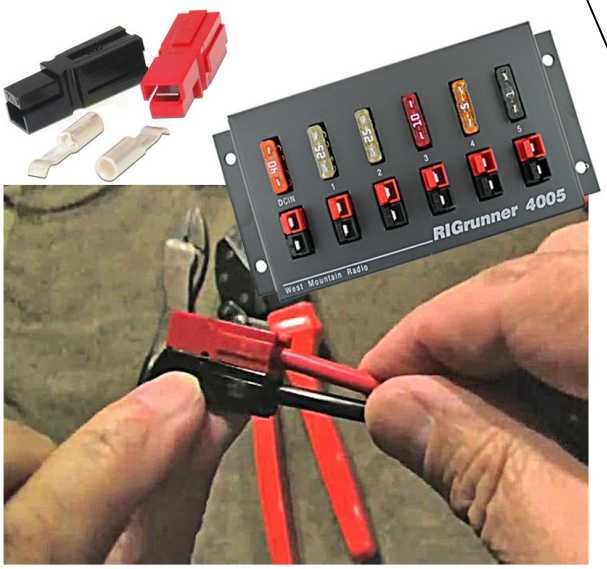
Lineman's Pliers. Sometimes known as "Nines". This tool will most likely be less used than the others… but it is handy for cutting nails, farm wire, gripping to pull. But wait! There's more: It can be used as a hammer in tight places and to tighten or loosen PL259 coax connectors, wire antenna work, and to remove embarrassing lipstick stains from your collar. Only 42 dollar. Step Right UP. ACT NOW! LINK... Note the Crimping Jaws for larger electrical terminals. Sometimes on sale at big box stores for half price.

HAM RADIO CRIMPER KIT-

Note: The last 15 years of my work life was in Mobile Radio– radios in cars, base station radios, radio repeaters, and more. All of these radios have antennas which require connecting the coax feed line to a connector to connect to the antenna.

NCIS Gibbs Rule #9 or my rule #1: Do Not Solder the Braided Shield… It gets too hot and it's gonna make a hot gooey mess inside of the cable and possibly short out to the center wire of the coax to the shield. CRIMP IT!!! Note: Most PL259 connectors– 85 percent used in ham radio– requires soldering the center wire- which if done quickly– causes no harm.

Instead of buying factory made appliance operator coax cables for your home station or car… build your own. Buy some suitable coax at the hamfest or Amazon, get the matching connectors, cut to your needed length, and crimp away. This is easily possible with economically priced coax cable crimping kits. The kit shown (Left) is sourced by Quick Silver Radio, sells for $99, and will crimp any sized coax cable you will use in your station. There's strippers and cutters included to assist with the process. Or… Get the crimper tool and the needed crimp dies for $49 and use your own knife and scissors to prep the cable.



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By now most hams use Power Pole connectors in their shack- Using the ARES orientation method– Power Pole connectors for 13.8 volt power connections are simply universal and smart.

Some hams have problems connecting the small Power Pole conductor pins to the wire either by soldering or crimping with an inexpensive crimp tool. Enter the Andy Crimp Power Pole Crimper.

Power Pole Crimp Dies can be inserted into the above coax crimper tool for high quality PP crimps. OR… if you like the "kit" option– the PP dies are included for $129. Visit Link Above.

Another Option: Power Pole Crimping only-
From Powerwerx– The Website sez:
TRI crimp, the best crimping tool for Powerpole for 15, 30 and 45 amp contacts. Designed by Powerwerx to provide a positive crimp for Anderson Power Products 15, 30 & 45 amp contacts in a single tool. The ratcheting mechanism guarantees a complete crimp every time. A built-in contact positioner holds the contact during crimping. CLICK for Product LINK

That's All Folks. Thanks for reading this far.
Happy Gift Giving Season. QHB!! KR7W

Club Meeting Traffic

Radio Club of Tacoma
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
October 5, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Mike W7XTZ.

Officers and Directors Present

Vice President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary	Mike Finnie W7MWF
Board	Alan Ferguson N7OMS
Board	Red Cranefield WB7EC
Board	Bruce Hanson WE7P

Quorum? A quorum was seated. There were13 names on the attendance roster, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

Silent Key or Illness None reported

Approval of Minutes The Minutes of the September 7, 2016 Board Meeting were approved as published.

Secretary's Report (W7MWF) Correspondence: Salmon Run pledges, utility bills, subscriptions and QSL Cards. Also a letter of thanks and certificate for the Club's participation in the Washington State Fair.

Treasurer's Report (W7XTZ) No Treasurer's Report was available.

Committee / Reports

Membership George K7GRS reported that membership stands at 296. Annual membership renewal drive will kick off at the end of October.

Training (AD7AB) Next Technician Class October 8/9, 2016

Info Tech Randy WB4SPB reported that all systems are nominal.

Library George K7GRS reported that the inventory has been completed and that the library features on the W7DK website will soon be updated.

HF Operations All HF systems are reported as being fully functional and well used

Repeater Ops All repeaters appear to be working fine and are operational

Facilities Mgmt Bruce WE7P reported on the progress of the garage rehab. Mike W7MWF reported that he arranged for a yard waste bin with pickup every other Friday. Cost to the Club is $8/month.

Property Mgmt Mike W7MWF reported on the donation from State EOC; 4x10 foot sections of Rohn 25 tower were recently donated to the Club. PMT requested authorization

to dispose of the tower sections. It was moved and seconded to so authorize PMT, and passed unanimously

Museum (KR7W) No report

Weds Activity Nite It was reported that the Stove Building activity in September was well received. The activity for October will possibly be On-The-Air activity associated with the W7DK/100 event.

General Mtg The program will highlight the Cascadia Rising 2016 – Larry KD4VOM will provide an after-action report focusing on the past summer's Emergency Preparedness Test. What worked, what didn't, and future plans and actions.

Unfinished Business

Centennial Planning Adam W2NCC presented two ideas for hallmark events during our centennial year. One idea is to create a 'time capsule' of W7DK and Amateur Radio information and memorabilia to be sealed and opened in 2116. Adam's other idea is for the Club to consider acquisition of a remote property for field days, antenna farm, and remote operations.

Boat Anchor Field Day Proposal Rich KR7W presented the letter he will send to ARRL regarding modification of Field Day rules to include a new class for using vintage equipment. The Board offered Rich their full support. A copy of the letter is filed with these minutes.

New Business

Slash One Hundred Adam W2NCC reported on the W7DK/100 Centennial QSO activity. It is going well and will continue throughout October.

Activity Reports and Discussion Topics

Salmon Run Report Randy WB4SPB provided highlights of the 2016 Salmon Run, which have been published in the Bark.

W7DK Century Club Al N7OMS gave an update on the Century Club program and announcements to the general membership will be forthcoming. Al also advised that Dave W7UUU and Anne N7ANN have undertaken the preservation of the Club's original charter signed by Hiram Maxim (TOM) himself. Thanks Dave and Anne.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm

Radio Club of Tacoma
General Membership Meeting Notes
October 12, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice President Mike W7XTZ at the Pierce County Library Administration Building.

Officers and Directors Present

Vice President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary	Mike Finnie W7MWF
Board	Bruce Cranefield WB7EC
Board	Paul Matney W7PFU

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike W7XTZ

Welcome— Guests present were: Bob KG7UAI, John (new ham, no call yet), Jim (new ham, no call yet), and Connie KG7NJJ
Self-Introductions were given; 42 names were on the attendance roster.

President's Message Mike W7XTZ made a final call for folks to return their Salmon Run pledges, and made available blank pledge forms. We are currently about $300.00 shy of our previous year's receipts.

Health and Welfare
Silent Keys No SKs or illnesses were reported

Secretary's Report Mike W7MWF reported receipt of the usual stuff: bank statements, subscriptions, utility bills, QSL Cards, a couple of Salmon Run pledges.

Treasurer's Report (W7XTZ) No report was available. The Field Day Pig and suggestion box were passed around.

Committee / Activity Reports

Centennial Celebration Dave W7UUU reported that the Radio Club of Tacoma will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the club, on October 16 beginning at 2:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Temple, 817 Vassault.. Also, Mike W7MWF reported on the ongoing special operating event using the W7DK/100 call sign during the month of October.

Membership George K7GRS reported that member ship stands at 295. He also advised that membership renewals will be mailed the end of October and are due by December 31, 2016.

VE Report John AC7WW provided a report of the most recent VE Session. A copy of John's report is filed with these minutes.

Nominating On behalf of Randy WB4SPB, Mike W7MWF reported on the status of nominations and called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were made, and the nominating process was closed. Current nominees are:

President	Dave W7UUU
Treasurer	Steve AF7YD
Board (2 seats)	Red WB7EC | Phil K7PIA | Adam W2NCC

Training – Next Tech Class November 5/6 with testing on November 8. Ongoing General class on Monday nights –check with Dave N7HT

HF Operations Everything is functioning and operations are normal.

Repeater Ops Everything is functioning and operations are normal.

Facilities Mgmt Mike XTZ reported on the ant infestation in clubhouse; Steve AF7YD reported on garage rehabilitation progress.

Property Mgmt No Report

Museum Rich KR7W advised that a new heater and thermostat is being installed in the museum. He also reported that museum staff is undertaking restoration of a Hallicrafters SX-28.

Library No report

4th Weds Activity Night Mike W7MWF reported that on Wednesday Night, October 26 we will be operating from the clubhouse as W7DK/100 in celebration of our anniversary. Come on down and get on the air, beginning at 7 pm.

C**lub Awards** Mike W7MWF presented a thank you letter and certificate from the Washington State Fair recognizing our participation and demonstrations in the Hobby Hall. Club representatives who worked at the fair were recognized and received a round of applause. Also, if you did not get your pin, contact Leonard KA7NWF.

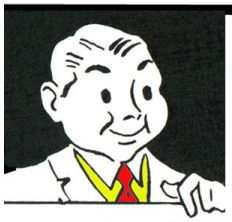
Long time club member Larry KD4VOM was recognized by the Club Officers, Directors, and Members for his decades of service. Larry was awarded Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Radio Club of Tacoma, and was presented with a plaque and framed certificate. Thank you Larry for all that you do.

The Door Prize was won by Joe KF7PXB

The Raffle Prize A 2-meter go-kit was won by Leonard KA7NWF

Adjournment was at 9:05 p.m.

End of Club Meeting Traffic Report



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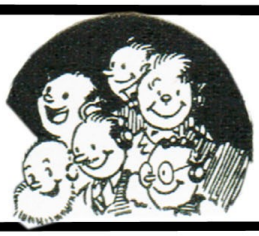

Club member Pat WT7N operates the Jerry HF station in the ARRL SSB Sweepstakes Contest on Saturday Nov 19. She had a run of 66 contacts.

Phil K7PIA
Al N7OMS
Mike W7MKE
Rich KR7W

Also participated

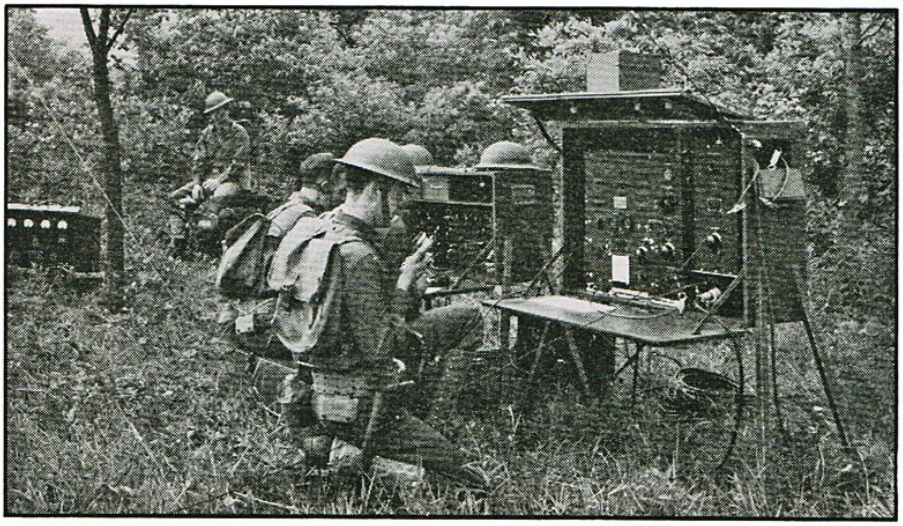

Photo of Army Radio Ops training in the woods near Pack Forest in 1938. Did training activities like this inspire the creation of Summits On The Air?

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